

Fashionable Murder.

BY REV. JOHN TODD, D. D.

By request of an esteemed correspondent we insert the following article from the Congressionalist on an important topic that cannot fail to attract attention.

Nothing but an imperative sense of duty could induce me to pen what I am about to write. Letters from different sections of the country and from physicians too, are so urgent that I should write on this subject, that I may not choose. I have no fear but what I am about to write will be read; but I wish it might be solemnly pondered. I am about to speak, and plainly too, of the practice of producing abortion. If any of my lady readers shall complete a want of delicacy, I beg them to remember three facts; first, that the practice is fearfully common; second, that probably they are every week associating with those who are guilty of the practice; and third, that seventy-five per cent. of all the abortions produced, are caused and effected by females. What then of delicacy?

It is well known that families of children, of this generation, in New England, do not average but three and a half each. I speak of our native population. With foreigners it is different, and the cause of the difference will soon be mentioned. By the advertisements of almost every paper, city, and village, in the land, offering medicines to be effective "from whatever causes" it is needed—by the shameless and notorious great establishments fitted up and advertised as places where any woman may resort to effect the end desired; by the confessions of hundreds of women made to physicians, who have been injured by the process; and by the almost constant and unobscured applications made to the profession, from "women" in all classes of society, married and unmarried, rich and poor, otherwise good, bad or indifferent; to aid them in the thing, do we know of the "frequency of the crime."

As a class, the medical profession have taken a noble stand. The desolations have become so fearful that, as the guardians of human life, they were compelled to do so; and society owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. H. R. Storer, of Boston, especially, for his powerful arguments, lucid arrangement of facts, patient investigations and earnest and eloquent remonstrances. Among his writings on this subject, the little work entitled "Why not," is a "book for every woman," and I wish every woman might carefully read it. But the medical profession cannot arrest the evil, and they tell me they need, and must have the moral power of good people to aid them. Even now, as I have reason to fear, all the profession are not beyond the reach of personal appeal, or an enormous fee, and I do wish that every such one could see that a fee steeped in blood, and crimsoned with shame, cannot bring a blessing to his family.

I am sorry to learn from undoubted testimony, that the practice is far more common among Protestants than among Catholics—Dr. Storer says, "infinitely more frequent," and this accounts, in part at least, for much larger families of the Irish Catholics. There is nothing in Protestantism that encourages, or convales as to the guilt of the thing. But in the Catholic Church, human life is guarded, at all stages, by the confessional, by stern denunciation and by fearful excommunications. The Rule in the Catholic Church is unending.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Boston says, eloquently and powerfully, "The very instant conception takes place, there lies the vital germ of a man. True it is hidden in the darkness of the womb, and it is helpless; but has sacred rights, founded on God's law, and so much the more to be respected because it is helpless. It may be already a living man, for neither mothers nor physicians can tell when life is infused; they can only tell when its presence is manifested, and there is a wide difference between the two things. At any rate, it is from the first moment potentially and in *radia* a man, with a body and soul destined most surely by the will of the Creator and by his law, to be developed into the fullness of human existence. No one can prevent that development without resisting and annulling one of the most sacred and important laws established by the Divine Author of the universe, and he is a criminal, a murderer who deals an exterminating blow to the incipient man, and drives back into nothingness a being to whom God designed to give a living body and an immortal soul." From this it follows that the young woman whose virtue has proved an insufficient guardian to her honor, when she seeks by abortion to save the eyes of man the honor she has forfeited, incurs the additional and deeper guilt of murder in the eyes of God, the Judge of the living and the dead. Who can express what follows with regard to those women, who, finding themselves lawfully married, prefer to devastate with poison or with steel their wombs rather than bear the discomforts attached to the privilege of maternity, rather than forego the gaieties of a winter's balls, parties and plays, or the pleasure of a summer's trips and amusement."

To all this I say *ad manum*. It is the testimony, too, of those who know, that in proportion as people become indolent, or fashionable, the temptation to produce abortion is increased; that in many cases it is absolutely a matter of boasting and vanity, to tell the number of times they and their friends have been guilty of the deed.

The causes of this child murder are to be found, often, in ignorance of its guilt—the ease with which it is done and concealed—the unwillingness to criminate one's self—the loss of character—the reign of extravagance and fashion, and the fear of child-bed.

As to guilt, I want all to know that in the sight of God, it is wilful murder. "The wilful killing of a human being at any stage of its existence, is murder." It is quenching immortal existence—it is destroying what, in a few months or weeks, would bear God's image, and if any one thinks she can do it without the guilt of murder, she is greatly mistaken. The very remembrance of this guilt has turned upon the reason, and by remorse, turned the deed into madness.

Very false notions prevail on this subject. It is thought, and said to be safe to the mother. Anything but that. The shattered constitutions, the pale faces, the feebleness of future life, the unfrequently tumors and internal diseases, prostration of the vital powers, remorse, shame, and sometimes madness, tell the fearful results. "God required that which is past, and never more surely than in this case."

It is pleaded that the health of the mother requires this. Nonsense. If she is too feeble to be a mother, let her not marry; but let her not dishonor and profane the holy name of wife by shirking her responsibilities. As a matter of fact, the fairest, healthiest, happiest, most respected and most useful women that have ever lived, have been the mothers of large families. It is the law of nature. Let my reader look around on the families of his acquaintances and see if it be not so. The Bible everywhere holds up the thought that a great family is a special blessing—

And if there be a beautiful sight in the world, it is the true mother surrounded by a large family of children. It is thought that the parents who have a small family, have healthier children. I more than doubt it. I have no belief in it. And if it were so, it is from these delicate organizations that the writers, the poets, the inventors, the geniuses of the generation often come. We cannot afford to lose them. The woman who, at this day, feels that to be a mother of living children is the first, highest, and in earlier times, almost universal law, is worthy of all admiration and praise; and the women who, to save herself from inconvenience or pain, or to be able to keep along with the giddy fashionable ones, will deliberately destroy the child, which in a few months would be dearer than her own life, deserves execration. How can it be that she will murder unborn, what if born, if taken from her by death, she would mourn with the sorrow of Rachel?

As to danger—Tandien reports that "in thirty-four cases of criminal abortion, where their history was known, twenty-two were followed as a consequence, by death, and twelve were not. In fifteen cases necessarily induced by physicians, not one was fatal."

Is it not a shame, to womanhood that physicians have to testify that they are appealed to almost constantly by married women, to aid them to abort, and that in proportion to numbers who thus appeal, and whose circumstances are alike, married women vastly predominate over the unmarried?

The practice is a direct war against human society, the best good of country, against the family order, against the health, the peace, the conscience, and the moral well-being of the mother, and against a child which would otherwise have an immortal existence.

MONTPELIER & ST. JOHNSBURY R. R.—The surveys of the possible routes for a railroad from here to St. Johnsbury, are favorably progressing. The route from Danville to St. Johnsbury has been examined and found entirely feasible although much longer than the traveled road. The people of St. Johnsbury propose to raise upon the Grand List of the town, under the act of the recent Legislature \$150,000 for this road, and \$75,000 for the Essex county road. The private subscriptions in that town are already, in addition to the above sum, \$100,000 for the road from here to St. Johnsbury and \$50,000 for the Essex road. This makes the contribution from St. Johnsbury to both roads, \$375,000 by private subscription. This is a most liberal subscription, and proves that town to be in earnest in this work.

The committee appointed at the meeting held in Montpelier some weeks since, met last Monday evening. Eleven of the twenty only were present. The evening was occupied in a familiar talk about the road. Gen. Pitkin giving many facts respecting the progress made in the survey, and the feeling in Portland. The committee adjourned to meet again as soon as Mr. Linsley, the engineer, can be found to give his views about the feasibility of the road and its estimated cost. Montpelier is desired to contribute \$225,000 toward the enterprise.—Freeman.

ROBBERY BY BOYS.—Two youths about nineteen years of age conspired to rob a firm in Wall street, N. Y., of \$10,000 in gold checks, in which they succeeded and fled to Canada. Pursuit was made, and the youngsters found at a hotel in Montreal, but the detective was too free in making his business known before making any arrests and the boys got the hint and fled. They rode in a sleigh sixty five miles to Assumption where they took the cars to Portland, Me., and thence sailed by steamer to Liverpool.—There they were robbed of \$6000 of their ill gotten gain. They went to London—having still \$1000 left—and thence to France, where they found their money had dwindled down to \$500. They took a steamer from Havre, and in due time arrived at New York, and went thence to Baltimore, where they remained until their money was all spent. They went into the country and worked on a farm for a month. The hard labor and poor food did not agree with them, and in a few days they sent word to the police authorities in New York that they were ready to surrender themselves to justice and answer for their crime. They are now in jail in New York awaiting trial.

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Wm. B. DEYOUNG, Secretary.

Irasburgh, Vt., Dec. 13, 1866.

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